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Dear friends Garrison, Loring, Jackson &c

131 Will you let us know how your pulse beats for the future? We must make preparations for the 2nd year of the new administration. How do you feel relative to the continuance of the Am. Antislavery Society? Is it seriously contemplated to any extent, that it will cease to exist at any stated time? My own mind is not vacillating on any of these points, and you will appreciate my object in asking for your sentiments, when you hear what I have to say. If you say, the Organization has done its work, & must be abandoned, I believe it will not be sustained. My own views are, that its work will not be done till slavery is annihilated. Individual effort, such as our friend Chas. talks of - or, more properly speaking, dismemberment, is utterly absurd. It were most unnatural to give the cause to the winds. Organization, Concert, is at the base of the divine economy. We see every where, the most perfect adaptation of powers to a common end - and when that adaptation is disregarded, the result is anarchy. I have never yet been visited with the shadow of a thought ^{that} the American Antislavery Society has done its work. Such rackings & wreckings as

we have had to contend with, cannot be got over in a single year. After all, it is no more than a sifting of elements - and vigor only is needed to combine those elements & cause them to act harmoniously. I believe we can procure the means of purchasing type &c (about \$800.) to begin the 2nd vol. of the Standard. The heart of Freedom would leap for joy, if we could get W. L. Child & wife to be its Editors. There would come all good abolitionists to the same altar. If you respond to these views, (which I believe you do) pray, write immediately & say so, that the Committee may buckle on the armor of renewed courage, brighten up their zeal, and prepare for the approaching campaign.

Our friend James Jackson is here, and says our Star is gloriously in the ascendant in Western N.Y. - that we can get any assistance that we may need, after this, from that quarter. He speaks in terms of high encouragement of the prospects of Old Organized Antislavery, throughout that region of the State - an empire in itself. Abby Kelly writes to me, that the Standard "must be kept up"; and the chorus of 20 men would be as welcome to me, than that expulsion from her.

Yours truly

J. Gibbons

Mar 31. I have this morning received a letter from David Lu Child, with their acceptance of the Editorship of the Standard, not exactly as we might wish, but in a way that cannot fail to give great joy to all our friends. Maria will reside here, & David will remain on his farm, affording all the assistance in his power. Their names will be on the paper, and every thing material will be gained. They wish to know what salary will be given, with the aforesaid reservation. And that \$400. may be deposited with E & Loring on the 1st of May. This will be done cheerfully, I am sure. It will not be possible for me, individually, to advance anything at so early a date, but, I will give, at the least, Fifty dolls for the year, toward their salary. I have embarrassed myself this year, and must have a little time to repair. You will confer on these several matters, & write immediately, if you please. I regard our Organization, now, as permanent & successful.

Yours ever, with broader shoulders than
before,

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Love to Oliver.

Joshua Leavitt's salary as Editor of Emancipator was \$1800. - If both, David & wife were here, under present circumstances, they ought not to receive less than \$2500. in my opinion.

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